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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: Koch

A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing Indiana's historic county courthouses.

Whereas, Indiana is known for its historic courthouses, which are community landmarks in 84 counties;

Whereas, The Indiana Courthouse Preservation Advisory Commission has submitted a report to the Indiana General Assembly on the condition and needs of Indiana's historic county courthouses and has provided findings and recommendations concerning the courthouses;

Whereas, 83 of Indiana's historic courthouses continue to be used by their counties and are focal points for the identity and economic life of county seat cities and towns;

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Whereas, Indiana's historic courthouses exemplify the finest in civic architecture throughout Indiana and represent excellent examples of the Federal, Greek Revival, Italian Renaissance, French Second Empire, Gothic Revival, Romanesque, Neo-Classical, and Art Deco styles;

Whereas, Indiana's historic courthouses contain the finest in 19th century and early 20th century decorative arts and are known for their fine murals, stained glass skylights and windows, hardwood trim, plaster ornaments, grand stairways, majestic rotundas, and imposing courtrooms;

Whereas, Indiana's historic courthouses form impressive centerpieces for their courthouse squares, attracting visitors to their communities; and

Whereas, Indiana's courthouse squares provide attractive places for community businesses to locate and provide attractive places for new investment: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
- 2 recognizes Indiana's historic courthouses as key elements of Indiana's
- 3 identity, as well as vital parts of the identities, community character,
- 4 and economies of county seat cities and towns across Indiana.
- 5 SECTION 2. That the Indiana House of Representatives designates
- 6 Indiana's historic courthouses as official symbols of Indiana's identity
- 7 and heritage.
- 8 SECTION 3. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 9 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to the Indiana
- 10 Courthouse Preservation Advisory Commission.

